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ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT ACTIVITY
MARIEL PORT FACILITIES, CUBA

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** ARMS TRANSSHIPMENT ACTIVITY IS IN PROGRESS AT A WHARF JUST NORTH OF HERE. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** ONE FLOGGER FUSELAGE SHIPPING CONTAINER AND TWO FLOGGER COMPONENT SHIPPING CONTAINERS ARE ON FLATBED TRAILERS ON THE QUAY ADJACENT TO A SOVIET LENINSKIY KOMSOMOL-CLASS MERSHIP. THE MERSHIP HAD ARRIVED [REDACTED] THE FLOGGER SHIPPING CONTAINERS WERE NOT ON THE QUAY OR THE SHIP'S DECK AT THAT TIME SUGGESTING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE QUAY FOR LOADING ON THE MERSHIP FOR SHIPMENT OUT OF COUNTRY. THE HATCHES OF THIS SHIP ARE TOO SMALL TO ACCOMMODATE STANDARD BELOW DECK LOADING OF THE FLOGGER FUSELAGE CONTAINER. (SWN)

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IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE CONTAINERS WILL BE LOADED ABOARD A CUBAN SHIP, SUCH AS THE EL JIGUE-CLASS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY MOORED IN THE HARBOR. THIS WOULD ALSO RESULT IN THE CONTAINER BEING CARRIED AS DECK CARGO SINCE THIS CLASS SHIP ALSO HAS HATCHES SMALLER THAN THE FUSELAGE CONTAINER. (SWN)

MARIEL HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERAL SOVIET-SUPPLIED ARMS TRANSFERS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. ANGOLA RECENTLY RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF MEDIUM TANKS CARRIED ABOARD A CUBAN SD-14-CLASS MERSHIP WHICH LOADED AT THE WHARVES JUST NORTH OF MARIEL ON [REDACTED] COLT TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, SHIPPED IN FISHBED CONTAINERS, HAVE BEEN EXPORTED TWICE TO ANGOLA FROM THE MAIN PORT, AND ONCE TO NICARAGUA PROBABLY FROM THE MAIN PORT. DUE TO THE UTILIZATION OF NONSTANDARD CONTAINERS IN THE PAST, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONFIRM THE CONTENTS OF THE FLOGGER CONTAINERS. A LESS LIKELY POSSIBILITY, THAT THE AIRCRAFT IS BEING SHIPPED BACK TO THE SOVIET UNION FOR EXTENSIVE REPAIRS, ALSO EXISTS. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 22-59-40N 082-45-13W

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